

Analysis of Traffic Stop Practices in Four Vermont Jurisdictions
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Collection Subcommittee*

This data collection effort and subsequent report is the result of a grass roots, voluntary effort between the community and four law enforcement agencies – Burlington PD, South Burlington PD, Winooski PD, and UVM PD. Data analyzed is from calendar year 2009.

GENERAL POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics reported related to the 2000 Census and population estimates stemming from that count. This relates to pages 16 and 17 of the full report. The Uncommon Alliance is awaiting the release of 2010 Census data before making any meaningful comparisons.

OPERATORS STOPPED – ALL AGENCIES

Total Stops	13,395	100%
White	12,251	91.5%
Black	628	4.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	315	2.4%
Hispanic	135	1.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	18	0.1%
Unknown or Unreported Race	48	0.4%

REASON FOR STOP – BY AGENCY

	BPD	SBPD	WPD	UVM	Total	
Moving Viol	3281	2953	1049	2241	9524	71.36%
Equipment	1858	680	0	641	3179	23.82%
Investigation	47	6	1	87	141	1.06%
DUI	40	9	0	6	55	0.41%
ExtGen	109	21	0	6	136	1.02%
Other	147	58	10	97	312	2.34%

REASON FOR STOP – ALL AGENCIES BY RACE

	White		Black		Hispanic		Amer Indian		Asian/Pacific Islander	
Moving Viol	8788	71.73%	409	65.13%	94	69.63%	12	66.67%	221	72.70%
Equipment	2881	23.52%	176	28.03%	35	25.93%	6	33.33%	81	26.64%
Investigation	130	1.06%	9	1.43%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
DUI	46	0.38%	6	0.96%	1	0.74%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
ExtGen	119	0.97%	13	2.07%	2	1.48%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other	287	2.34%	15	2.39%	3	2.22%	0	0.00%	2	0.66%

OUTCOME OF STOPS – ALL STOPS, ALL AGENCIES

Warning	8466	63.43%
Ticket	4641	34.77%
Arrest	188	1.41%
Other	7	0.39%

OUTCOME OF STOPS – ALL AGENCIES BY RACE

	White		Black		Hispanic		American Indian		Asian/Pacific Islander	
Warning	7748	63.45%	402	64.22%	94	69.63%	13	72.22%	210	66.67%
Ticket	4289	35.12%	207	33.07%	36	26.67%	5	27.78%	103	32.70%
Arrest	162	1.33%	15	2.40%	5	3.70%	0	0.00%	2	0.63%
Other	13	0.11%	2	0.32%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

	White		People of Color Grouped	
Warning	7748	63.45%	719	65.72%
Ticket	4289	35.12%	351	32.08%
Arrest	162	1.33%	22	2.01%
Other	13	0.11%	2	0.18%

VEHICLES SEARCHED & OUTCOME OF SEARCHES

Searches only occurred in stops by Burlington, South Burlington, and UVM Police.

Across these departments, in 60.9% of searches contraband was found. This is a relative high “hit rate.” Comparatively, other agencies nationwide see a “hit rate” of 10-20%.

No contraband found	102	39.1%
Contraband found	159	60.9%

Please refer to the full report for further detail.

ATTACHMENTS

Attached to this summary are pages 1 (cover), 5 (Introduction), 37 and 38 (Conclusion and Recommendations) from the full report. Also attached is a joint statement from the Chief’s of Police of the agencies involved in this pilot project.